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IN THE DRAWING(S):

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 11. This sheet replaces the original sheet showing Figures 10 and 11.

Figure 11 has been amended to correct a grammatical error in the figure. Specifically, in ST11 and ST12, the word --IDENTIFY-- has been changed to --IDENTITY--.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present patent application based on the foregoing amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

By this Amendment, the specification, claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11-22, and the drawings are amended. FIG. 11 is amended to correct a clerical mistake (“identify”) in boxes ST11 and ST12. A replacement sheet including changes to FIG. 11 is enclosed herewith. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, after entry of this Amendment, claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11-22 will remain pending in the patent application.

Applicants would like to express appreciation for the Examiner’s indication that claims 1-3, 59 and 11-22 are allowable.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the Title of the Invention. In response, a new Title that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed is presented. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the Title are respectfully requested.

The Office Action indicated that the textual portion of the specification is replete with grammatical and idiomatic errors. In response, Applicants have carefully revised the textual portion of the specification. A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.125(b) and (c) is attached herewith. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the specification are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11-22 due to various informalities noted in the Office Action. In response, Applicants have carefully and extensively revised the claims in order to provide antecedent basis for each term recited in the claims.

With respect to the objection raised in paragraph 6) – a), Applicants respectfully submit that the portable device could be either the first portable device or the second portable device depending on the setting result. (*See, e.g.*, claims 1 and 7). As such, Applicants believe that it would be improper to amend the language “a portable device” to “the first portable device” in the claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11-22, as amended, particularly and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

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Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, are respectfully requested.

Applicants have addressed the Examiner's rejections and objection and respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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